

**ILLINOIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO
THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
MEETING MINUTES**

January 20, 2017

The Illinois Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Committee) convened via conference call to discuss panelists and the order of panels for the public hearing on voting rights. Juan Carlos Linares chaired the meeting according to the agenda items identified. The Chair performed a roll call of committee members present. The meeting was open to the public and took place from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM CDT.

State Advisory Committee Members:

Present:

1. Juan Carlos Linares (Chair)
2. Cindy Buys
3. Joanna Bohdziewicz-Borowiec
4. Johnathan Bean
5. Anne Wortham
6. Reyahd Kazmi
7. Bryant Jackson-Green (joined during call)
8. Trevor Copeland (joined during call)
9. Richard Garcia (joined during call)

Absent:

1. Sweta Shah
2. Kendric Cobb
3. Tabassum Haleem
4. James Botana
5. William Howard
6. Sweta Shah
7. Kendric Cobb
8. Malik Nevels
9. Evelyn Rodriguez

Commission Staff present:

- Melissa Wojnaroski (DFO)
- Victoria Moreno, USCCR intern

Members of the Public present:

- None identified

Meeting Notes/Decisions Made:

Approval of Minutes

- Committee moved to approve minutes from December 13, 2016 and November 18, 2016
 - Cindy Buys moved to approve the minutes
 - Reyahd Kazmi seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously by a voice vote

Discussion and Review Panelists and Organization of Panels

1. Discussion on Panelists: The Committee reviewed an updated list of panel nominees, including both primary and alternate speakers (see attached). Alternate speakers will be invited to speak during public forum, and/or to submit a written statement as appropriate, unless a primary panelist cannot attend.

- a. Committee agreed on perspectives speakers would bring to Panel 1: Academic and legal experts. Originally identified as two separate panels, these panels were combined in order to accommodate a language access panel, (see 1c)
 - i. Juan Carlos Linares will reach out to ACLU of Illinois to identify speaker
- b. Committee agreed to include Sheriff Tom Dart as primary speaker for Panel 2
- c. Committee agreed on speakers and for Panel 3 focus on language access. The academic and legal panels were combined as described (see section 1a) in order to accommodate this change.
 - i. Joanna Bohdziewicz-Borowiec agreed to reach out to Andy Kang from Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Chicago
 - ii. Juan Carlos Linares would like to replace MALDEF with Voto Latino and will initiate outreach for a contact with that agency to identify whether or not they have an Illinois based chapter.
- d. Committee agreed on panelists as drafted for Panel 4
- e. For Panel 5, The Committee agreed to attempt replacing Governor Rauner with county clerks
 - i. Committee will decide on clerks based on their geographic jurisdiction in order to be inclusive of statewide perspectives
2. Approval of Organization of Panels and Hearing Schedule
 - a. Committee agreed to approve panels and Schedule A as discussed.
 - i. Joanna Bohdziewicz-Borowiec moved to approve the organization of the panels and Schedule A as discussed
 - ii. Anne Wortham seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote
3. Community Outreach
 - a. Joanna Bohdziewicz-Borowiec will conduct outreach to the Polish community and the Chicago Commission on Human Relations
 - b. Juan Carlos Linares will reach out to law schools and policy schools
 - c. Alternate panelists will be invited as well

Next Meeting

- The Committee's next meeting will take place on February 8, 2017 at Noon (CDT) via teleconference to discuss updates and status on outreach.

Open Comment

At the conclusion of the meeting, public lines were opened for comment. No public comment was received.

Next meeting

February 8, 2017 at 12:00 pm (CDT).

Meeting Adjourned

1:00 PM CDT